

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EMLÉN TUNNELL

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Emlén Tunnell, who was born in Bryn Mawr almost a century ago, and became a standout football player at Radnor High School.

Last month, the U.S. Coast Guard named a Sentinel-Class Cutter for Tunnell to recognize his accomplishments as an NFL pioneer and a hero in the U.S. Coast Guard. During World War II, Mr. Tunnell received the Silver Lifesaving Medal for rescuing one shipmate from a fire during a torpedo attack and another after he fell into frigid water off Newfoundland.

After the war, Tunnell became the first Black player for the New York Giants, as well as the first Black talent scout, and first Black assistant coach in the NFL. In 1967, Tunnell became the first Black man inducted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

When the cutter was commissioned last month, Tunnell was described as someone who didn't set out to be a trailblazer, just a great human being who wanted to make a difference in the world.

We are so proud to honor Emlén Tunnell today.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL VACCINE MANDATE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, the Fifth Circuit Court has very recently blocked President Joe Biden's coronavirus vaccine mandate. The Court wrote that the mandate "grossly exceeds OSHA's statutory authority." This reaffirms that the President and OSHA simply cannot make up laws and penalties as they go or from thin air. So let's stop making health decisions for an entire population. Instead, let the individual and their doctor decide what preventative measures will suit them best, not a bureaucrat guessing one week to the next what that might be.

Some said—many are saying—that they would rather retire or let themselves be fired than to continue in a job situation where they are being forced to take a vaccine. I can't believe this is happening in this country. I can't believe they are trying to pin it on some 1905 State court decision of *Massachusetts v. Jacobsen*.

Losing our doctors, losing our healthcare workers to retirement would be a devastating one already to our underserved rural and urban areas. Other employees represent years and years of knowledge and talent that would be lost because of this unconstitutional mandate.

I say to President Biden: Whose side are you on?

RECOGNIZING ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure today to recognize the outstanding achievement of the Andean High School girls volleyball team.

Earlier this month, the 59ers won the Indiana Class 2A State Volleyball championship against Western Boone in a five-set match. Congratulations to Coach Grant Bell on his persistence and direction of this exceptional team, and special kudos as well to all the seniors for your leadership, including the starters: middle blocker, Brooke Molson; setter, Madison Kmetz; and my niece, outside hitter, Angelina Majchrowicz.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Andean 59ers and all of these impressive young athletes for their skill, tremendous hard work, and representation to our region.

You make all of Northwest Indiana and the 59er community very proud.

WAKE UP, AMERICA

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, the purpose of this speech is to encourage America to wake up before the Build Back Better Act passes here.

There are so many crises going on in this country. I still believe the number one is the 100,000 people a month flooding the border; but these two actions of the Biden administration intersect, and I encourage America to pay attention.

First of all, in the Build Back Better Act, we are providing amnesty to at least 7 million illegal aliens. To give that much amnesty not only is an outrage in its own right, but is encouraging more and more people to come here. The next thing that is being done is that we are guaranteeing certain bad actors will not be removed from the country. This bill provides parole for some felons, sex offenders, and members of gangs. This will be a further problem.

Madam Speaker, finally, and perhaps most absurd of all, under this bill we are getting free Pell grants, that is to say, free college for people who are coming here illegally. The American citizen, the American taxpayer is \$30,000, \$40,000, \$50,000 in debt to go to college, but people come here illegally—free college.

Wake up, America.

RUSSIA/BELARUS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Ukraine and Polish Caucus and member of the Belarus Caucus, I rise with deep concern about Russia's expansionary combativeness in Europe.

Russia is amassing tens of thousands more troops and equipment near Ukraine's border, which it has already invaded and killed over 13,000 individuals, threatening global security. Now Belarus, with the support of Russia, is working to undermine the European Union by spearheading a migration crisis at the border with Poland, patrolled by—guess what?—Russian troops.

The free world must strongly condemn Belarus' cruel weaponization of immigration and the loss of life it is causing. As well, we must work to protect our Polish allies and the lives of desperate migrants at the border. If that is not enough, Europe is facing an energy crisis forced upon it by the Kremlin. Russia is seeking to weaponize energy to weaken the Transatlantic resolve.

To combat this, I am working with my colleagues to deliver \$300 million in investments to support the Three Seas Initiative to help Europe diversify its energy sources and restore energy independence. America must stand in strong solidarity with our European allies who love liberty.

VETERANS DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, last week, on November 11, we celebrated Veterans Day. I rise today to thank our great men and women who answered the call to serve our country.

Our Nation recognizes the generations of brave men and women who have defended our freedoms and protected our great country from threats across the globe.

We owe the valiant men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves our unwavering support and gratitude.

In Congress, we must work to ensure veterans receive the care and support they so deserve, even after they transition from uniform to civilian lives. I am proud to support legislation in Congress focused on mental health and telehealth, spouses and families, and accountability from the VA.

Madam Speaker, our veterans and their families have given so much for this country and ask so little in return. I offer my sincere gratitude one last time to the men and women who have selflessly served our country in the United States military.

God bless our military and God bless the United States of America.

BREAKING NEWS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to submit statements into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, breaking news. Today, the President of the United States signed the bipartisan infrastructure bill, legislation that our chairwoman and the Congressional Black Caucus were instrumental in moving forward.

But breaking news: The President, Vice President, and Speaker of the House made it very clear that we will pass the Build Back Better Act, and that they are two bills that go together. And so tonight, I am delighted to join the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus to discuss the pathway and the vitality of the Build Back Better Act.

There is one thing that I want to immediately speak to. Pell grants that is part of the Build Back Better will be an instrumental component to increasing the number of students at community colleges, historically Black colleges, and other colleges—minority-serving institutions—more than they have ever had the opportunity.

Madam Speaker, in 2021, there are still families that are sending their first generation to college. The Pell grants—unlike which was discussed just a few minutes ago—will give Americans and legal residents the opportunity to go to school, and many others who are DACA and are deserving of going to school to build a better future.

Madam Speaker, I will speak very briefly on how important the Build Back Better Act is, and to emphasize that it is often said that the Federal budget is an expression of the Nation's values. Build Back Better is an expression of our values, of our respect, and affection for our families and our children. It is long overdue.

And even though we are excited about the infrastructure bill that will bring some \$26.9 billion in transportation to Texas, some \$3.3 billion in ensuring the improvement of public transportation, making sure there is \$100 million for broadband, and making sure that we have clean water—and that is in the \$2.9 billion from the infrastructure bill. I can tell you that Texans and Americans are excited about the Build Back Better. African Americans who have suffered with poverty and inequities will stand at the forefront in helping to end poverty as we know it in our communities.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful to Chair BEATTY for her leadership and was eager to join my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to stand together to support this \$1.75 trillion investment.

Very quickly: The bill is paid for. No one making under \$400,000 will see any taxes go up at this time. In addition, \$130 billion will be provided for healthcare.

Breaking news: If you are uninsured in States that never expanded Medicaid, you will have insurance; huge numbers of African Americans. Over 30 percent of seniors over the age of 70 can benefit from hearing aids as well. We know the Build Back Better bill will give us an additional amount of resources for uninsured persons and provide the access to the Affordable Care Act.

Childcare, which impacts African Americans, the Build Back Better Act will provide universal and free preschool for three- to four-year-olds and cut down the amount of dollars that many young working families have to pay. I am excited about the fact that we will be able to have working parents, they will be looking for work, but they will have the ability to have their children taken care of, and they won't pay more than 7 percent of their income for childcare; \$150 billion.

Madam Speaker, this weekend, I was at my public housing, public development. Families, they are going to see a new makeover, more housing built, and more down payments.

In fact, I am very grateful to say that we won't see these signs: "My landlord is calling and I must pay." How many were evicted because dollars were not getting to people who worked hard every day but yet, because of the pandemic and other factors, could not pay their rent.

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We will see that ended with the \$150 billion for housing; education, \$40 billion; and, of course, the Pell grants, as I said.

It is important to take note of the fact that poverty among African Americans will decrease seismically, particularly with the child tax credit that will end poverty as we know it among the impoverished children of America.

Again, I said, breaking news, the President signed the bipartisan infrastructure bill with the help of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Breaking news, we are committed to leading on helping to pass Build Back Better with all of our Democratic colleagues, and Madam Speaker, I don't think that we would be against our bipartisan colleagues joining us.

Let me conclude by saying that I am delighted to know this family at the Gingerbread daycare, founded by a husband and wife, for hardworking essential workers. How wonderful it will be that 3- to 4-year-olds can have universal access to school and childcare and can now be supported by the Build Back Better Act and paid family leave.

Breaking news, we are changing hearts and changing America, and I am delighted to yield to our chair and thank her for her leadership. Keep on leading. We are going to keep on standing so that we can pass the Build Back Better Act this week. I am going to claim it. We say that sometimes in our community.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY).

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to stand here tonight as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. To be here at such a critical point in our country, in our democracy, on the heels of leaving the South Lawn of the White House where hundreds of people gathered in honor of supporting the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure framework needed when we think about our roads and our bridges and our broadband.

Tonight, we are so honored to be here. To our chair of this night's Special Order hour, "Breaking News," I thank Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, who is anchoring tonight and yielding to me.

Madam Speaker, let me just take this point of personal privilege to thank her. I thank her for her leadership and say to her and all of her constituents watching: Texas is all the better because of Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE. When I think of someone leading and talking about Build Back Better, talking about how great this is for America, thank you for being part of that leadership.

Now, tonight, let me simply say, Madam Speaker, when I look to build back better, I see the faces of the Congressional Black Caucus, six chairs of major committees. So let me do breaking news.

Breaking news, when we look to build back better housing, we know, across America, that we have a housing problem. We know that we needed more dollars going into housing, vouchers, and affordable housing.

Breaking news, Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS, chair of the powerful Financial Services Committee under which housing and insurance falls, she was iconic in her leadership, from the White House to the Speaker, working both sides of the aisle, and, yes, \$150 billion.

When I think of Congressman BOBBY SCOTT, I think of education and labor. There has not been a stronger voice in the Congress than BOBBY SCOTT in the Congressional Black Caucus. You heard earlier from Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Pell grants, HBCUs, historically Black colleges and universities, billions of dollars going into our universities.

Madam Speaker, let me take a point of personal privilege because I am a proud graduate of an HBCU, so I know what this means to young girls and boys and men and women who are matriculating in our HBCUs. We cannot have a democracy in a country without protecting our children. When we talk